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SUBJECT:DEFINITION OF ZAMBIAN POSITIONS ON ANGOLA

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1) DEPT. APPRECIATES SUGGESTIONS REFS (A) AND (B) AND IS
AWARE OF DIFFICULTIES CHONA FACES IN TRYING TO DEVISE
GRZ POSITIONS FOR OAU MEETING. HOWEVER, AFTER WEIGHING
MATTER CAREFULLY, WE BELIEVE THAT, AT THIS TIME, WE SHOULD
NOT MOVE BEYOND OUR ANALYSIS OF ZAMBIA'S DRAFT STATEMENT
CONTAINED REF (C). IN THIS, WE HAVE BEEN GUIDED BY FOLLOW-
ING CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) AS POSTS WELL AWARE, RESOLUTION OF ANGOLAN PROBLEM IS
FUNDAMENTALLY AN AFRICAN RESPONSIBILITY. IT SEEMS TO US
THAT GRAPPLING WITH DEFINITIONS OF KEY PHRASES IS PART OF
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THIS PROCESS AND SHOULD THUS BE INTRUSTED TO THE AFRICAN

STATES MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED.

(B) WE ARE CONCERNED THAT EFFECTIVENESS OF ZAMBIANS IN ANGOLAN AND OTHER SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES COULD BE SEVERELY COMPROMISED IF CHARGES BECAME WIDESPREAD THAT THE US WAS PUTTING WORDS INTO GRZ MOUTHS AND THAT ZAMBIANS WERE

"PUPPETS" OF THE AMERICANS. WE THEREFORE WISH TO AVOID

GIVING CHONA PRECISE LANGUAGE FOR GRZ POSITIONS, CONFINING OURSELVES INSTEAD TO GENERAL COUNSEL AT APPROPRIATE TIMES.

(C) IT SEEMS TO US THAT, IN PRESENT FORM, PHRASES HAVE AMBIGUITIES WHICH MAY CONCEIVABLY TURN OUT TO BE USEFUL. IF WE TRY TO DEFINE TERMS TOO TIGHTLY AT THIS POINT, WE MAY BE MAKING LATER ADJUSTMENTS MORE DIFFICULT.

2) WE WILL BE FOLLOWING OAU MEETING WITH UTMOST ATTENTION AND SHOULD PROPITIOUS OCCASIONS ARISE WILL BE READY TO PROVIDE FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS WITH HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS IF THIS WOULD BE USEFUL. KISSINGER

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